#### Holding Him Level,

"Oi hov wan for yez," began Mcubberty, in the condescending ne of one talking downward from superior height. "Ye'll niver

iess ut.

"Phwot is ut thot Oi'll not the wife of his

osom.
"A conundrum ut is. Here, now:

"Phwot mon?"

"Anny mon! Hear me out: A on takes a barrel weighin' twinty-sive pounds an' fills ut full av awmpthin', an' thin the whole buseighs but half as much as pra-ously. I'hwot does he put in ut?"
"Oi dunno."

"Av coorse ye do not! 'Tis well

"Av coorse ye do not! Tis well ad that a woman has no since av mor. A mon is different about the "Different, is he? Lave us see! Inswer me this: Av the mon on the front ind av the oice-wagon eighs wan hundred an' fifty product, physot does the mon beounds, phwot does the mon be-

oind weigh?"
"Gwan wid yez! Lave me hov e answer to me own conundrum. ow the divil do Oi know phwot me mon on the back ind weighs?"
"Thrue for yez, ye don't! Ye me sthruttin' home wid a thrap a conundrum that some smar-r-t i'nd has told yez, an' troy to make fool av me wid ut, an' whin Oi"

"Troy to make a fool av yez, is ? Begorra, Oi don't hov to troy! ature got ahead av me in thot.

"Thot's all roight! Av Oi am foolish whoy don't yez guess me for little conundrum? Oi've kept en wid yez this toime, an' met tre smar-r-r-rt pun an' Oi'll till z moine. Phwot does the mon I the barrel wid thot decr'ases uts

Auger-holes."

"He does? Eh-yah! Wull, the on on the back ind av the oice-agon weighs oice."

"Bah, yuresilf! An nixt toime, e intillictual billy-goat, whin yez timpt to fool wid a fool ye want make sure yez hov the fool to ool wid."—Indge.

There came to a young doctor an ncommonly unclean infant borne the arms of a mother whose face lowed the same abhorrence of sap Looking down upon the tild for a moment the doctor solunly said: "It seems to be suf-ring from 'hydrophatic hydrophatia." "Oh doctor is it a halfage." ia." "Oh, doctor, is it as bad as lat?" cried the mother. "That's big sickness for such a mite. Whatever shall I do for the child?" Wash its face, madam," replied the doctor; "the disease will go off ith the dirt." "Wash its face—ash its face, indeed!" exclaimed the mather. Issing her temper. What next, I'd like to know!" Wash your own, madam—wash our own," was the rejoinder.

#### Notes. . . .

The child pets the lamb, the man eats the sheep.

Go to the oyster, thou prattler, and learn to be useful with thy mouth shut.

Freddie—"Say, dad, why are there no marriages in heaven?" Henpecker—"Because it's heaven." Town Topics.

Teacher—"Willie, where is the capital of the United States?" Willie Todate—"In the Trusts."— Town Topics.

Isaacs-1 hear dot young king in Samoa gets a hundert undt feefty tollars a mont'

Cohen—Vell, dot's purty good for a young veller. It's petter dan I vos getting at his aich.

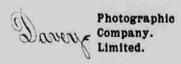
**A A A** Several ladies were discussing the virtues of their husbands. Said one of them: "Mine never drinks," never swears, nor does he chew."
"Does he ever smoke?" "Yes, he always likes a cigar just after he has eaten a good meal; but I suppose that, on an average, he doesn't smoke more than once a month. Some of her friends laughed, but she didn't seem to understand why.

"Yes," said he, "life is so lonely." "It is lonely sometimes," she answered, "Wouldn't it be sweet to have a little cottage covered with ivy and honeysuckle and roses?" "Oh, wouldn't it!" "And when a fellow comes home tired from business, to have a nice little wife to meet him at the door with a kiss?"
"Y-e-e-s." "And then the summer nights; the windows open, the sunset just giving light enough in the cosy parlor, and—you—I mean a wife at the piano, singing in the gloaming. It would be lovely." "I—think—it—would—be—nice." "And then"— At this point a careworn woman came round the corner with a pair of twins in a perambulator. A dead silence fell up-on the air for a little. Then they changed the subject.

**A A A** A WOMAN WITH OVER THREE HUNDRED DESCENDANTS.—There is a woman living in the State of Georgie, in America, who has 235 living children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. In addition great-grandchildren. In addition to ants are dead, bringing up the grand total to 310. The old lady's name is Sallie Shiver. She is ninety years old, and makes a point of visiting all her descendants in regular order. She seldom stays very these, seventy-five of her descendlong with any one family, and it takes her about two years to complete the round. The 235th living descendant made its appearance a few weeks ago, and Mrs. Shiver complains that if many more are coming she will not be able to consider the biomain visits. tinue her biennial visits.

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